KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR ONE NEWS

KINDERGARTEN

On Thursday 3rd February 96 enthusiastic, excited and sometimes emotional children entered ‘Big School’ to embark on their primary school education. This group of students have amazed all of the kindergarten staff by quickly settling in.

Each week has been an exciting adventure with many new experiences to embrace. There have been new friends made, buddies met, playgrounds explored, school assemblies attended, scripture teachers met, the new library explored, canteen money spent, and these don’t even include any classroom experiences.

Inside each kindergarten classroom the students have been presented with an amazing variety of lessons and experiences. The shared reading of Big Books have been a source of enjoyment, 24 new sounds have been taught, 40 sight words flashed, drilled and remembered (hopefully), daily maths concepts taught and explored through a variety of games and hands-on activities.

One very practical maths lesson each day is counting how many days kindergarten have been at school. The reason they are counting days is leading to their ‘First 100 Days’ celebration. Did you know they have already been at school for 46 days?

Now as their first term at school draws to end, 96 enthusiastic, excited but now extremely tired students need a holiday to renew their energy levels before taking on new learning next term.

YEAR ONE

What do you call a group of jellyfish?

If you don’t know the answer to that question, ask one of our Year One students. This and many other fascinating questions have been answered throughout term 1 as the students have been studying Under the Sea. Throughout this unit of work the students have learnt and practised many skills. Information reports have been written using wonderfully descriptive language, poems created, sketches and drawings labelled and stories written about many strange sea creatures. Classrooms are looking beautiful with many colourful works of art. Trips to the school computer rooms have been a delight as the children have created documents using Max Write, a junior version of Word.

One of the highlights of the term was our excursion to Sydney Aquarium to study all the sea animals up close. Thank you to the wonderful mothers who were brave enough to accompany us on this excursion. 100 children who have been studying sea creatures for a term all have a favourite creature and, of course, these are more often then not at different locations in the Aquarium. Thankfully everyone emerged at the required time and climbed wearily, that is the teachers and parents, onto the buses to return to school.

Another highlight was our Under the Sea day. The students, disguised as colourful sea creatures, enjoyed decorating octopus biscuits, singing, playing and many other activities.

Next term our unit of study is Workers in the Community and we look forward to finding out how our needs and wants are met.

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